Plague Infection.

21 *MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether cases of plague infection have been reported recently from the Peermade hills; and

(*b*) whether the reported cases are cases of local infection or imported ones ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

Lady Doctor in the District Hospital, Thuckalay.

22. *MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there were memorials and representations in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly for the appointment of a qualified Lady Doctor in the Thuckalay Hospital; and

(*b*) if so, their decision on the representations ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The case of the District Hospital, Thuckalay, will be considered when more Lady Medical Officers are appointed in the department.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): In view of the answer, can we hope to have a lady doctor in the near future?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have answered, Sir, that the question will be considered when more Lady Medical Officers are appointed in the Medical Department.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*). May I know from the member whether more appointments are made when the necessity is felt or when applications come up ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): When necessity is felt and when funds become available.

Admission of students in the College for Women.

23. *MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) ; Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of students admitted last year (1933-34) to the Junior Intermediate and Junior B. A. Classes in the various groups in the College for Women, Trivandrum ;

(*b*) the number admitted to the various groups in the same classes this year (1934-35);

(*c*) the number of applicants for admission to the various groups this year (1934-35) ;

(*d*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has issued any confidential circular to the Principals of Colleges demanding restriction of admission ; and

(*e*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has any authority over matters not entirely administrative in Colleges affiliated to the Madras University ?

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